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PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103(a)

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Sir:


Applicants hereby petition to suspend action for cause in the above-identified application for six (6) months. A check in payment of the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is forwarded herewith.

Applicants request the aforementioned period of time in order to reissue the patent issuing from the parent application of the instant divisional application, namely, U.S. Patent No. 6,271,278. Reissue is desired in order to correct an unintended failure to make reference to a prior co-pending application, i.e., the application culminating in U.S. Patent No. 5,750,585. See MPEP 1402(D). The oversight was due to different law firms having been assigned to these related applications without being aware of the other co-pending application.

This matter was discussed in a telephone conversation on November 24, 2003 with Examiner Bill Krynski (Special Programs) who indicated tentative approval of the present course of action. Applicants were urged to keep the Office advised of progress in the reissue of U.S. 6,271,278, as well as the time that any suspension ends, so that action in the instant application is not unnecessarily delayed.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation could expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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